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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

FRANCIS C. REAGAN GEORGE O. CARLETON
ROBERT C. MASON

Town Treasurer

WINTHROP B. WOOD

Town Clerk

GEORGE D. KITTREDGE

Tax Collector

MABEL E. LEONARD

Overseer of the Poor

WINTHROP B. WOOD

Trustees of Trust Funds

WALTER N. THOMPSON
FERDINAND STUCKLEN
WINTHROP B. WOOD

Cemetery Trustees

PERCY E. LEONARD GEORGE D. KITTREDGE
W. GUILD SMITH

Library Trustees

GLADYS A. GOODWIN CATHERINE MORGAN
ALICE CHISHOLM

Firewards

HAROLD L. STRONCER GEORGE O. CARLETON
W. GUILD SMITH

Auditors

ALBERT B. LAMSON JOHN H. MORRIS

Moderator

ROGER W. CROUCH

Supervisors of the Checklist

ALBERT B. LAMSON CATHERINE MORGAN
JOHN H. MORRIS

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mont Vernon in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Mont Vernon on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid for construction for Class 5 roads, and raise and appropriate for said purpose the sum of $528.59. (State will add $3523.95.)

5. To see if the Town desires to have compiled and published a history of the Town of Mont Vernon from 1903 to 1953 inclusive as a supplement to the previous history published in 1907 and to authorize the appointment of a committee of seven persons to implement this project, said committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the School Board acting jointly and to make recommendations for the completion and publishing of the history; and will the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for use by said committee in compiling and preparing necessary statistical and historical materials; the com-

mittee so appointed is to report its progress to the next Annual Town Meeting.

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $300.00 for the purpose of buying two two-way radio units for the use of the Fire Department and Civilian Defense and any other emergency that may arise. (By petition.)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the purpose of lighting the Town Hall clock. $75.00 of the requested sum will be used for the installation of necessary lights and operational switches, and $25.00 will be for the anticipated use of electricity. (By petition.)

8. To see if the Town will vote to hold the annual town meeting as a night meeting in place of the day time meeting now in order, and that such laws covering this time of the annual Town Meeting be changed to meet with the results of this action. (By petition.)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $645.00 for the purpose of obtaining a resuscitator for the use of the Town. (By petition.)

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

FRANCIS C. REAGAN,
GEORGE O. CARLETON,
ROBERT C. MASON,
Selectmen of Mont Vernon.

BUDGET

	Actual 1953	Estimated 1954
General Government	$2554 73	$2500 00
Protection of persons and property	1408 91	1200 00
Maintenance of town roads	3016 56	3000 00
Tar treatment of town roads	2000 00	1000 00
Town lighting	685 98	675 00
General expense highway dept.	1289 85	400 00
Library	300 00	300 00
Parks and playgrounds	206 75	200 00
Cemetery	400 00	400 00
Unclassified	701 16	400 00
Interest	348 97	325 00
Payment on principal of debt	2000 00	2000 00
Merrimack Valley Association	50 00	50 00
Health	135 00	125 00
Patriotic purposes	75 00	75 00
Care of poor and old age assistance	580 29	500 00
Snow removal	1270 55	1500 00
	$17,023 75	$14,650 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1953

General government	$2200 00
Protection of persons and property	1200 00
Maintenance of town roads	2500 00
Tar treatment of town roads	1000 00
Town lighting	650 00
General expense of highway department	400 00
Library	300 00
Parks and playgrounds	200 00
Cemetery	400 00
Unclassified	400 00
Interest	375 00

Payment on principal of debt	2000 00
Merrimack Valley Association	50 00
Health	125 00
Patriotic purposes	75 00
Care of poor and old age assistance	600 00
Snow removal	1500 00
Outlay for new construction T.R.A.	550 88
Purchase of fire truck	1350 00
	$15,875 88

INVENTORY OF MONT VERNON FOR 1953

Land and buildings	$582,910 00
Electric light equipment	31,348 00
Horses, 14	950 00
Cows, 139	18,500 00
Neat stock, 26	1,950 00
Sheep and goats, 28	280 00
Fowls	16,225 00
Portable mills, 2	700 00
Wood and lumber	3,700 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	250 00
Stock in trade	1,600 00
Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed	$658,413 00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions	23,400 00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	$635,013 00

AMOUNT OF TAXES AND RATE

Total taxes committed to Collector	$31,917 92
Yield tax	2,326 36

Town rate, $1.77 per $100.00 valuation
School District rate, $3.23 per $100.00 valuation
Total rate $5.00 per $100.00 valuation

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in Souhegan National Bank	$1,435 70
Bounties due from State	26 50
Unredeemed taxes	88 71
Uncollected taxes	3,191 41
Uncollected head taxes	200 00
Bulldozer rental, unpaid	77 00
Tarring driveways, unpaid	22 40
	$ 5,041 72
Excess liabilities over assets	9,110 88
Grand Total	$14,152 60

LIABILITIES

Unexpended balance Civil Defense	$ 100 00
Uncollected head taxes	200 00
Due State: Head taxes collected	180 00
Due School District, balance of appropriation	7,172 60
Serial notes on Town Building	6,500 00
	$14,152 60

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, land and buildings	$10,000 00
Furniture and equipment	200 00
Library	7,000 00
Town garage and fire department	14,000 00
Equipment, fire department	5,000 00
Equipment, highway department	6,000 00
Park	1,000 00
School, land and buildings	10,000 00
Equipment	1,000 00
Land acquired by Tax Collector's deeds	85 00
Land acquired by Warranty deeds	200 00
	$54,485 00

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
TOWN OF MONT VERNON
December 31, 1953

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes

Town Building Construction
Serial Notes — 2%

Maturities	Original Amt. $13,500.00	Total Annual Maturities
1954	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
1955	2,000.00	2,000.00
1956	1,500.00	1,500.00
1957	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	$6,500.00	$6,500.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK
For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Auto Tax Account:			
1952 Town permits (9)		$ 14 73	
1953 Town permits (315)		1937 92	
Paid Town Treasurer		———	$1952 65
Dog Tax Account:			
Dogs Licensed:			
49 males at $2.00	$98 00		
29 spayed at $2.00	58 00		
15 females at $5.00	75 00		
4 kennels at $12.00	48 00		
2 males—partial year	2 00		
1 spayed—partial year	1 00		
——	———		
100	$282 00		
Bills and Accounts Paid:			
Town Clerk, 100 at 20c	$20 00		
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	10 50		
Postage	1 00		
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	3 17		
Melzer Est., supplies	5 00		
	———		
	$39 67		
Paid Town Treasurer	———		242 33
Other Accounts:			
Filing Fees		$13 00	
Recount Fee		10 00	
8 Town Histories at $2.50		20 00	
Paid Town Treasurer		———	43 00
Total Paid Town Treasurer			$2237 98

I certify that the above account is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE D. KITTREDGE,
Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1953

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property	$31,451 72	
Poll	456 00	
National Bank Stock	10 20	
Total Warrant	———	$31,917 92
Yield Taxes		2,326 36
Added Taxes:		
Property		102 00
Polls		8 00
Interest collected		36
Total Debit		$34,354 64

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property	$28,419 81	
Poll	364 00	
National Bank Tax	10 20	
Yield	2,241 96	
Interest	36	
Abatements	46 50	
Uncollected as per Collector's List:		
Property	3,121 41	
Polls	66 00	
Yield	84 40	
Total Credit	———	$34,354 64

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953		
Property	$3,245 68	
Polls	76 00	
Yield	880 88	
	———	$4,202 56

Interest collected during fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1953	88 05
Added Tax	2 00
Total Debits	$4,292 61

Levy of 1952

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer during year ended Dec. 31, 1953:	
Property	$3,221 68
Polls	58 00
Interest	88 05
Yield	880 88
Abatements:	
Property	24 00
Polls	14 00
Added Tax (poll)	2 00
Uncollected (as per list)	4 00
Total Credits	$4,292 61

Levy of 1951

Dr.

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1953:	
Polls	$4 00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer during year ended Dec. 31, 1953:	
Polls	$4 00

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1953

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Original Warrant	$1,370 00
Added Taxes	20 00
Penalties collected	5 50
Total Debits	$1,395 50

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	$1,130 00
Penalties	5 50
Abatements	60 00
Uncollected as per Collector's List	200 00
Total Credits	$1,395 50

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1953	$190 00
Added Taxes during 1953	5 00
Penalties collected	14 50
Total Debits	$209 50

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	$150 00
Penalties	14 50
Abatements	45 00
Total Credits	$209 50

Summary of Tax Sales and Redemptions

Dr.

	1953	1952	1951	Previous Years
Taxes sold to town during current year	$80 60			
Unredeemed Jan. 1, 1953		$52 31	$28 88	$26 86
Interest after sale	16		5 80	6 26
Costs	10 95			
	$91 71	$52 31	$34 68	$33 12

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	1953	1952	1951	Previous Years
Remittances to Treasurer				
Tax and interest	$55 31		$34 68	$33 12
Unredeemed, Dec. 31, '53	36 40	$52 31		
	$91 71	$52 31	$34 68	$33 12

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales

1953	1952
$18 20	$15 75
18 20	36 56
$36 40	$52 31

I hereby certify that this report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MABEL E. LEONARD,
Tax Collector.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$ 1,305 07
From Tax Collector	36,903 55
From Town Clerk:	
Auto permits	1,952 65
Dog licenses	242 33
Filing fees	13 00
Recount fee	10 00
Town histories sold	20 00
Rebate forest fires	193 25
Refund old age assistance	1,187 72
Saving bank tax	126 38
Railroad tax	10 94
Interest and dividend tax	2,380 30
Bounties on hedgehogs	3 00
Gas tax	1,191 81
Timber tax	41 71
Refund interest on fire department note	10 13
From Sesquicentennial Committee	67 89
Refund Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	5 25
Pistol permits	2 50
Rental of town hall	3 32
Dividend from Grange Mutual Insurance Co.	10 00
Notes Souhegan National Bank (tax anticipation)	13,000 00
From Road Agent:	
Use of bulldozer	222 63
Plowing driveways	65 00
Work on driveways	260 30
	$59,228 73

EXPENSES

Selectmen's Orders	$57,793 03
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	1,435 70
	$59,228 73

WINTHROP B. WOOD, Treasurer

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:		
Property taxes, current year collected	$28,419 81	
Poll taxes	364 00	
Property tax abatements	12 50	
Poll tax abatements	34 00	
Timber tax	2,241 96	
Head tax	1,135 50	
Head tax abatements	60 00	
National bank stock tax	10 20	
Taxes previous years collected:		
Property taxes	3,221 68	
Property taxes abated	24 00	
Poll taxes	60 00	
Poll taxes abated	18 00	
Timber tax	880 88	
Head taxes	164 50	
Head taxes abated	45 00	
Interest	88 41	
Taxes redeemed	123 11	
	------	$36,903 55
From State:		
Gasoline tax	$1,191 81	
Savings bank tax (2 years)	126 38	
Railroad tax (2 years)	10 94	
Interest and dividend tax	2,380 30	
Forest fire rebates	193 25	
Refund old age assistance	1,187 72	
Refund Timber tax	41 71	
Bounties	3 00	
	------	5,135 11
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Auto permits	$1,952 65	
Dog licenses	242 33	
Filing fees, town officers	13 00	

Recount fee	10 00	
Town Histories sold	20 00	
Rebate Fire Dept. note	10 13	
Refund from Sesquicentennial Committee	67 89	
Refund Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	5 25	
Pistol permits issued	2 50	
Rental town hall	3 32	
Grange Mutual Ins. Co., dividend	10 00	
Rental of bulldozer	222 63	
Plowing driveways	65 00	
Tarring driveways	260 30	
Temporary loans	13,000 00	
	———	15,885 00
Total Receipts, all sources		$57,923 66
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952		1,305 07
Grand Total		$59,228 73

PAYMENTS

General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	$932 13	
Town officers' expenses	735 08	
Election and registration exp.	86 75	
Town building expenses	800 77	
	———	$2,554 73
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department	$ 45 00	
Fire department	1337 41	
Bounties	26 50	
	———	1,408 91
Health:		
Vital statistics	$ 15 00	
Nursing Association	100 00	
Health Officer (2 years)	20 00	
	———	135 00

Highways:		
Town maintenance and snow removal	$5287 11	
T. R. A.	550 88	
Tarring Class 5 roads	2000 00	
Street lights	685 98	
General expense highway dept.	1289 85	
Income taxes withheld (2 years)	98 05	
	———	9,911 87
Charities:		
Old age assistance		580 29
Library:		
Catherine Morgan, Treas.		300 00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day		75 00
Parks and Playgrounds:		
Care of Park		206 75
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemetery		400 00
Unclassified:		
Abatements	$334 61	
Merrimack Valley Reg. Association	50 00	
Tax titles bought	91 55	
Sesquicentennial Celebration	225 00	
	———	701 16
Interest:		
Interest paid		348 97
Payment on Temporary Loans:		
Souhegan National Bank		13,000 00
Payments on Long Term Notes		
Souhegan National Bank		3,350 00
Payments to other Gov. Divisions:		
State head tax paid State	$ 2,215 78	
County tax	2,500 18	

Schools	18,874 54	
Refund on timber tax to State	1,229 85	
	———	24,820 35
Total Payments		$57,793 03
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953		1,435 70
Grand Total		$59,228 73

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries:

F. C. Reagan, selectman	$150 00	
G. O. Carleton, selectman	125 00	
R. C. Mason, selectman	125 00	
W. B. Wood, treasurer	50 00	
W. B. Wood, overseer	25 00	
George D. Kittredge, town clerk	40 00	
Mabel E. Leonard, tax collector	397 13	
Albert Lamson, auditor	10 00	
John Morris, auditor	10 00	
	———	$932 13

Town Officers' Expenses:

Cabinet Press, town reports	$388 20	
Assoc. N. H. Assessors, dues	3 00	
Merrimack Farmers Exch., time switch	10 50	
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	2 12	
Burroughs Adding Mch. Co., repairs	11 96	
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, binders	3 50	
George D. Kittredge, auto permits	165 85	
C. E. Bourassa, names of estates	20	
Cabinet Press, tax bills envelopes	37 92	
Tax Collector's Assoc., dues	3 00	
Town Clerks' Assoc., dues	2 00	
Frank Blanchard, postage	7 60	
Donat Corriveau, report of deeds	14 12	
Harland H. Holt, bonds	43 60	
Brown and Saltmarsh, tax books	14 36	
F. C. Reagan, postage and telephone	3 95	
Mabel E. Leonard, postage and supplies	12 70	
W. B. Wood, postage and supplies	10 50	
	———	735 08

Election and Registration Expenses:

Cabinet Press, ballots	$16 75	
Roger W. Crouch, moderator	10 00	
Ruth Carey, stenographer	10 00	
Annie Adams, ballot clerk	5 00	
Florence Blanchard, ballot clerk	5 00	
Bessie Carleton, ballot clerk	5 00	
Mary M. Reagan, ballot clerk	5 00	
Albert B. Lamson, supervisor	12 00	
Catherine Morgan, supervisor	9 00	
John Morris, supervisor	9 00	
	———	86 75

Town Building Expenses:

Daniels Service, fuel oil	$166 69	
Public Service Company, lights	62 35	
J. J. Casey, oil burner service and repairs	62 24	
Edwin E. Mason, cordwood	55 00	
Walter Solovei, repairs	6 30	
County Stores, supplies	79	
Howard Chase, tuning piano	5 00	
Rotch Insurance Agency, insurance	166 86	
Roger W. Crouch, insurance	134 73	
Owen Fisk, emergency lights and repairs	102 81	
Arthur Goodwin, care of clock	25 00	
State of N. H., Fire Dept. sign	9 00	
G. O. Carleton, sawing wood	4 00	
	———	800 77

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department:

Roland Christie		45 00

Fire Department:

James A. Coffin, supplies 1952	155 45	
Western Auto Stores, supplies 1952	35 59	

Motor Supply Co., supplies 1952	9 20	
Edwin E. Mason, labor, water hole, 1952	20 00	
Mass. Bonding and Ins. Co., ins.	130 50	
County Stores	5 50	
Harold Stroncer, forest fire expense	251 79	
Rotch Ins. Agency, insurance trucks	125 65	
Cabinet Press, fire alarm cards	10 50	
Clark's Garage, truck inspection and repairs	38 21	
N. H. Forestry Dept., supplies	4 50	
F. E. Tower, labor	21 00	
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., oil	5 25	
Coney & Hutchinson, oil and gas	7 25	
Albert B. Lamson, payroll	159 75	
F. E. Tower, custodian	150 00	
Harold Stroncer, chief	50 00	
Blanchard Store, gas and supplies	33 72	
Harold Stroncer, supplies	3 50	
Hope Rubber Company, hose	119 05	
James A. Coffin, tape	1 00	
	———	1,337 41
Bounties:		
F. C. Reagan	$ 9 50	
G. O. Carleton	12 00	
R. C. Mason	5 00	
	———	26 50
Health:		
George D. Kittredge, vital statistics	$ 15 00	
W. Guild Smith, health officer, (2 years)	20 00	
Souhegan Valley Nursing Assoc.	100 00	
	———	135 00
Highways:		
W. O. Lamson, road agent	$4016 56	
N. H. Highway Dept., T.R.A.	550 88	

W. O. Lamson, winter maintenance	1270 55	
Income taxes withheld	98 05	
Street lights	685 98	
Auto Electric Co., repairs	12 93	
R. C. Hazelton, rebuild grader	1238 42	
W. O. Lamson, labor at dump	38 50	
Ace Construction Co., patch material	225 24	
N. H. Highway Dept., tarring Class 5 roads	1774 76	
	———	9911 87
Charities:		
Old Age Assistance		580 29
Library:		
Catherine Morgan, treasurer		300 00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day:		
County Stores, flags	$ 7 50	
Blanchard's Store, refreshments	5 30	
Rodney Woodman, plants	19 20	
Ricciardi-Hartshorn Post, drum corps	43 00	
	———	75 00
Parks and Playgrounds:		
Walter Solovei, flagpole repair	$ 6 75	
Minot Ross, care of park	200 00	
	———	206 75
Cemetery:		
Mont Vernon Cemetery Trustees, 1953 appropriation		400 00
Unclassified:		
Lorden Lumber Co., abatement	$41 71	
W. Guild Smith, abatement	24 00	
Mabel E. Leonard, 1952 head tax abatements	45 00	

Robert P. Thayer, abatements (2 years)	29 40	
Mabel E. Leonard, abatements	144 50	
Mabel E. Leonard, tax titles bought	91 55	
James C. Nelson, Sol Ex abatement	50 00	
Sesquicentennial Observance	225 00	
Merrimack Valley Association	50 00	
	———	701 16
Interest:		
Souhegan National Bank		348 97
Payments on Temporary Loans:		
Souhegan National Bank		13,000 00
Payments on Long Term Notes:		
Souhegan National Bank		3,350 00
Payments to other Gov. Divisions:		
State of N. H., 1952 head tax	$1260 28	
State of N. H., 1953 head tax	955 50	
State of N. H., refund on Timber tax	1229 85	
Treas., Hillsborough County, County tax	2500 18	
	———	5,945 81
Schools:		
W. B. Wood, Treas. balance 1952 appropriation	$ 5,874 54	
W. B. Wood, Treas. on account 1953 appropriation	13,000 00	
	———	18,874 54
Total Payments		$57,793 03
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953		1,435 70
Grand Total		$59,228 73

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Received from Selectmen's orders	$4193 35
Received from gasoline tax	1191 81
	$5385 16

Payments — Summer Maintenance

W. O. Lamson, labor	$509 25
W. O. Lamson, truck	421 74
Willard Archibald, truck	130 20
Fred Willard, truck	410 70
Charles Trow, labor	217 00
Jack Salisbury, labor	139 00
Edwin Mason, labor	163 00
Bruce Tower, labor	10 00
George Moses, labor	23 00
Blanchard's Store, gas and oil	155 99
Clayton Chase	37 80
Morrissey Bros., tractor parts	64 22
Ernest Gagnon, sander irons	8 85
Daniels Service, fuel	7 49
Albert Lamson, labor	7 50
Norman Stroncer, labor	10 00
Larry's Welding Shop, welding	5 00
Ace Construction, gravel and premix	54 90
Hume Pipe Co. of N. E., concrete pipe	462 62
F. E. Tower, labor	39 50
Frank Palazzi & Son, rental of equipment	1217 85
Frank Blanchard, labor	6 00
George Kittredge, labor	2 00
Walter Solovei, labor	1 00
Philip Carey, labor	5 00
Raymond Chase, labor	1 00
Minot Ross, labor	2 00
Joseph Carleton, labor	2 00
	$4114 61

Snow Bills — January, February, 1953

W. O. Lamson, labor	$130 00
W. O. Lamson, truck	253 00
Blanchard's Store, gas and oil	15 10
Kennie Electric Service	19 65
R. C. Hazelton, roll grease	15 00
J. E. Faltin, trucking	1 65
Norman Watts, labor	42 00
Willis Maloon, labor	18 75
Vernon Wilkins, labor	76 25
Edmond Tower, labor	5 63
Fred Willard, truck	122 10
Norman Stroncer, labor	12 00
Charles Trow, labor	35 00
Jack Salisbury, labor	28 00
Milford Public Works, sand	31 50
Ray Road Equipment, cutting edges	79 12
Larry's Welding, welding	22 00
Daniels Service, fuel	18 69
Richard Trow, labor	1 00
N. H. Explosives, wire ties	16 00
R. C. Hazelton, tractor parts	96 91
	$1039 35

Snow Bills — November and December, 1953

W. O. Lamson, labor	$20 00
W. O. Lamson, truck	87 75
Norman Stroncer, labor	8 00
Paul C. Rockwood, sand	10 40
Blanchard's Store, gas	4 20
Leslie Tower, snow fence	100 85
	$231 20

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953		$203 27
Town appropriation for 1953		400 00
Received from Cemetery Trust Funds for perpetual care for 1953		78 00
Received from Fidelia Whipple Shedd Fund for 1953		8 00
Sale of lots 76-75-168-½of 56		35 00
Received from burial		5 00
		$729 27

Expenditures

Bank charges		$ 2 00
County Stores, rake		2 48
Merrimack Farmers Exch., lime		26 78
Sears, Roebuck, cutter blades	$ 6 83	
Sears, Roebuck, lawn mower	109 46	
		116 29
Eastern States, 5-10-10		27 30
Blanchard's Store, gas and oil (part of 1952-53)		10 23
Willard Archibald, gravel		105 00
Percy Salisbury—pt. pmt. on $150	$50 00	
Grading	5 65	
Raking	20 00	
Raking perpetual care	7 50	
		83 15
Keith Pomeroy:		
Raking	20 00	
Raking perpetual care	12 50	
Mowing	69 50	
Mowing perpetual care	52 00	
Mowing front cemetery, Shedd Fund	8 00	
Triming perpetual care	6 00	
Trimming	7 75	

Tractor	38 00	
Extra work and repairs	13 18	
	———	226 93
Check book blance		117 41
Cash on hand		11 70
		———
		$729 27

Commitments have been made for contract work (consisting of grading and seeding the new part of the cemetery) in the amount of $100.00, leaving the above check book balance actually in the amount of $17.41.

An appropriation of $400.00 is sought for 1954.

W. G. SMITH, Treasurer
Mont Vernon Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees have started a lime and fertilizer program which will take about five years to complete. Grading and filling holes in the old cemetery should be finished in about two years. The new section is well along and lots will be available after June 30, 1954, in the first section at twenty-five dollars ($25.00) per lot. There is not a through road in the new part of the cemetery as yet, but we hope to have it completed in the summer of 1954. We are planning to have a row of maple trees on each side of the drive in the new cemetery as in the present one.

The committee requests that permission be obtained from one of its members before planting any shrubs or bushes on lots.

MONT VERNON CEMTERY TRUSTEES.

Report of Trust Funds of Town of Mont Vernon on December 31, 1953

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL		INCOME			
			Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
Common Trust Fund	Care Cem. Lots	322 Sh. Fidelity Fund and Savings Bank	$6,500.00	$6,500.00	$1,858.53	$428.33	$133.00	$2,153.86
Fidelia Whipple Shedd Fund		77 Sh. Boston Fund 75 Sh. Mass. Inv. Trust	1,618.56	1,618.56	11.97	80.34	8.00	84.31
Kendall Cemetery Fund		96 Sh. Incorporated Inv.	1,157.86	1,157.86	19.93	58.93	17.70	41.23

DALAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Forty-five years ago, Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury in his address at the dedication of Daland Memorial Library said, "The use of the library is not a privilege to be measured out from behind a desk. It is a right to be availed of with absolute freedom, where people may have free access to the shelves and 'browse' among the books."

Through the years I think the librarians have done their part in the achievement of this objective.

In 1953, 134 books have been acquired from various sources. We are grateful to the P. T. A. who collected children's books, and also voted a gift of money to aid the Library.

Others who have given books are: Mrs. von Weber, Miss Bessie J. Daniels, Rev. Gerald Miller, Mrs. Millett, Miss Annie P. Foster, Miss Ethel Downing, Miss Edna Spinney, Mrs. Richard Thayer, Mrs. Alice Campbell Wilson, Mrs. Lucia Auryansen, Mrs. Orie Raymond Bailey, Mrs. Arthur Goodwin, Mrs. Biron Weatherhead, Mrs. W. B. Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Holmes, who gave a book in memory of Forris Norris.

Mrs. Bailey generously continues her subscription to the National Geographic which is a valuable addition to our magazine list, and "Holiday" is loaned by Mrs. Cutter.

Many current magazines are given by Mr. and Mrs. Pickford, Mrs. von Weber and others, to be used by anyone interested.

At the Sesquicentennial in August, Mrs. Goodwin arranged an exhibition of antiques, pictures and objects reminiscent of Mont Vernon in its early history, which were displayed in the Library and attracted many visitors.

We are grateful to Paul H. Hutchinson for a valuable gift of an old blue Staffordshire plate, produced by Joseph Stubbs about 1820, showing a picture of the old

Nahant Hotel, which he has given to the Library in memory of his mother and grandmother, members of the Hutchinson family of singers.

In view of the increase in the cost of books, the cost of heating, and everything connected with maintenance of the Library, an increase of the town appropriation which has been the same for many years, is almost compulsory, if the service rendered to the community in the past is to be approximated, regardless of broadening our helpfulness to patrons of the Library.

Without the aid of interested friends, the demand for current new books of fiction and biography would of necessity be very inadequately met.

Many thanks to all such friends.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. ENDREJAT,
Librarian.

DALAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT — 1953

Receipts

Balance on hand	$ 19 95
Town appropriation	300 00
Gift from P. T. A.	25 00
Daland Trust	50 00
Fines	3 10
Interest on Savings Book No. 18403	58
Total	$398 63

Expenditures

Librarian's salary	$150 00
Draper Fuel Company	54 81
Public Service Company	22 42
Lowell News Company (magazines)	9 55
N. H. Profile Magazine	2 80
Insurance, Rotch Insurance Agency (books)	17 02
J. P. Melzer Estate, supplies	7 70
Personal Book Shop (books)	121 94
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	12 39
Total	$398 63

CATHERINE MORGAN,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of all town officers and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953.

JOHN H. MORRIS,
ALBERT B. LAMSON,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN HISTORIAN

In recent years, and particularly during the Sesquicentennial Observance last summer, there has been evident an ever growing desire to have compiled and edited a new town history to supplement the original town history produced in 1903, thus bringing the town records, in historical form, up to date.

Because of the interest in such a project, a start has been made in collecting necessary material. Forms for the reporting of genealogical information have been sent to persons who have lived in Mont Vernon within the period 1903-1953. The returns of these questionnaires has been most gratifying. In the collecting and evaluating of other historical data, Mrs. Fred Wilson, who lived here prior to 1899 and who has never lost interest in Mont Vernon, and Miss Mary E. Smith, who collaborated with her father, Hon. Charles J. Smith, in editing the original History of Mont Vernon, have been most helpful and cooperative.

Because of the interest shown in the production of a supplementary town history, an article has been incorporated in this year's Town Warrant to provide for such a project and I most heartily endorse the adoption of this article.

MRS. GLADYS GOODWIN,
Town Historian.

NAMING OF STREETS AND ROADS

At the Annual Town Meeting held on March 10, 1953, it was voted that a committee of five members be appointed to select and establish names for various streets and roads in the Town and that the names of streets and roads so established should be recorded in the town records by the Town Clerk. The following committee was appointed: F. C. Reagan, George O. Carleton, Robert C. Mason, Arthur P. Temple and Albert B. Lamson.

The Committee established names for the streets and roads in the Town and submitted the same for recording to the Town Clerk. The streets and roads named are given below:

Main Street
From Guild Smith's corner to Hacker's corner.

Secomb Road
From Route 13 to Amherst Road.

Hillcrest Avenue
From Route 13 (Main Street) to Old Amherst Road.

Conant Avenue
From Main Street to Old Amherst Road.

Harwood Road
From Main Street to Wilton Road.

Pinkham Avenue
From Main Street to Cemetery Road.

Temple Street
From Main Street to Pinkham Avenue.

Cemetery Road
From Main Street to Harwood Road.

Francestown Turnpike
From Guild Smith Corner to New Boston line.

Blood Street
From Main Street to Francestown Turnpike.

Old Amherst Road
From the monument to Amherst town line via Jewett's and Buckley's.

Grand Hill Road
From the library to the Grand Hotel site and around the circle.

Weston Hill Road
From Grand Hill Road to Brook Road.

Brook Road
From Route 13 at junction of Tater Street to the Amherst line.

Herlihy Road
From Weston Hill Road to Kendall Hill Road.

Mason Road
From Weston Hill Road to the Old Amherst Road.

Boutwell Road
From Grand Hill Road to Smith Road.

Smith Road
From Old Amherst Road to Boutwell Road.

Carleton Road
From Old Amherst Road (Jewett's Corner) to Amherst Road.

Amherst Road
From Route 13 (Hacker's Corner) to the Amherst town line.

Old Milford Road
From Route 13 (Hacker's Corner) to Milford town line via Trow's and Raymond's.

Purgatory Road
From Old Milford Road at Morgan's to Purgatory Falls.

Wilton Road
From Coggin's Corner to Lyndeboro town line.

Hutchinson Road
From Old Milford Road to Kieslings, beginning at Raymond's Corner.

Upton Road
From Wilton Road to junction of Purgatory Road.

Beech Hill Road
From W. Guild Smith's Corner to Salisbury's Corner.

Hazen Road
From Francestown Turnpike to Beech Hill Road.
Salisbury Road
From Lyndeboro town line to New Boston town line.
Erlando Road
From Francestown Turnpike to Lamson Road.
Horton Road
From Erlando Road to Lamson Road.
Lamson Road
From Route 13 to McCollom Hill.
Joe English Road
From Tater Street to New Boston town line.
Kendall Hill Road
From Tater Street at Saulnier's to Brook Road.
Remington Road
From Kendall Hill Road at Baker's to Amherst line.
Gavin Road
From Brook Road to Mack Hill Road in Amherst.
New Boston Road
From Coggin's Corner to Lamson Road.
Tater Street
From Route 13 at Archie's Garage around by Willard's and Saulnier's to the Brook Road near LaPalm's.
Pond Road
From Route 13 to Route 13 via Wood's Pond.
Cross Road
From Old Milford Road to Wilton Road.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 10, 1953 — Mont Vernon, N. H.

Moderator Roger W. Crouch declared Town Meeting open at 9:03 a. m.

Prayer offered by Reverend Gerald Miller.

Moderator Roger W. Crouch read the Town Warrant.

Article 1. Polls declared open by moderator at 9:09 a. m.

10:07 a. m. Voting suspended by moderator until after taking up balance of Articles in warrant.

Article 2. Selectman Robert Mason read budget and explained items in same.

Motion made by Robert Mason, seconded by Francis Reagan to adopt article as in warrant. Motion carried.

Article 3. Motion made by John Morris, seconded by Francis Reagan to adopt article as in warrant. Motion carried.

Article 4. Explanation of article by Francis Reagan. Mr. Reagan made a motion, seconded by several to adopt article as in warrant.

Amendment: Motion made by Vernon Wilkins, seconded by Robert Thayer to accept Article 4 as written but to insert "to sell at public auction." Bernard Sliney made a suggestion, accepted by Vernon Wilkins that all such sales be subject to public auction. Article as amended adopted.

Article 5. Motion made by Robert Mason, seconded by Francis Reagan to adopt article as in warrant at regular rate of 3%.

Motion made by Vernon Wilkins, seconded by Robert Thayer to amend article to include: such compensation not to exceed the amount allowed by the state.

Amendment to amendment. Motion made by Robert Thayer, seconded by Arthur LaPalm to delete the word additional as written in Article 5.

Amendment to amendment lost.

Motion with amendment carried.

Article 6. Motion made by Fred Willard, seconded by several to adopt article as in warrant. Motion carried.

Article 7. Motion made by Robert Thayer, seconded by several to adopt article as in warrant. Motion carried.

Article 8. Motion made by Walter Solovei, seconded by Francis Reagan to adopt article as in warrant with amendment to read "all streets and roads in Mont Vernon" – deleting the words "within the village area."

Motion made by Bernard Sliney, seconded by Robert Thayer that the names be subject to the approval and consent of residents on that street or road. Article 8 accepted as amended.

Article 9. Motion made by Francis Reagan, seconded by several to adopt article as in warrant. Motion carried.

Article 10. Motion made by George Kittredge, seconded by George Carleton that all elective Town Officers' names be published in the Town Report including: Tax Collector, Road Agent, Supervisor of Check List, Moderator, and others. Motion carried.

Statement by Robert Thayer on inadequate and insufficient ash trays at Town Meeting.

Motion made by Walter Solovei, seconded by several that the Town Historian make a report annually in the Town Report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernard Sliney, seconded by Arthur LaPalm that some of the T.R.A. money be spent on the New Boston Road from Kendall Hill Road to Amherst Town line on the Brook Road to improve conditions on that road. Motion carried.

Motion made by Roland Christie, seconded by Arthur LaPalm that the selectmen include in the Town Warrant an article to have the Annual Town Meeting held at night. Vote by paper ballot.

94 votes cast: Yes 46; No 48. Motion lost.

Motion made by Walter Solovei, seconded by several that the Moderator appoint a committee of three (3) to study conditions at town dump and bring back their recommendations at the next town meeting.

Amendment: Motion made by Robert Thayer, seconded by several that the Fire Chief make the appointments for the committee.

Amendment to amendment: Motion made by Philip Carey, seconded by Francis Reagan that a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator, one of whom shall be the fire chief.

Amendment to amendment accepted. Amendment lost. Original motion accepted with amended amendment.

Motion made by Guild Smith, seconded by Walter Solovei that the Tax Collector send an itemized tax bill.

Vote by paper ballot.

71 votes cast: Yes 41; No 30. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walter Thompson, seconded by Francis Reagan to see if the Moderator will appoint the committee in addition to the Selectmen in naming streets. (Article 8) Motion carried.

12:08 p. m. Returned to Article 1.

1:13 p. m. Motion made by Francis Reagan, seconded by Roland Christie that the polls be closed. Motion carried.

2:45 p. m. Moderator Crouch read results of ballots for Town Officers. The following were elected:

Town Clerk, George D. Kittredge	1 year
Selectman, Robert C. Mason	3 years
Treasurer, Winthrop B. Wood	1 year
Tax Collector, Mabel E. Leonard	1 year
Road Agent, William O. Lamson	1 year
Overseer of the Poor, Winthrop B. Wood	1 year
Trustee of Trust Funds, W. B. Wood	3 years
Cemetery Trustee, W. G. Smith	3 years
Library Trustee, Alice Chisholm	3 years
Fireward, W. G. Smith	3 years

Auditor, Albert B. Lamson	1 year
Auditor, John H. Morris	1 year

2:48 p. m. Newly elected Town Officers were sworn into office by Francis Reagan.

2:50 p. m. Motion made by Winthrop B. Wood, seconded by several that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

MONT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers

Mrs. Helen P. Witty, Chairman	Term Expires 1954
William B. Buckley, Secretary	Term Expires 1955
Leonard S. Morrison	Term Expires 1956
Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent
Mabel I. Connolly	Helping Teacher
Winthrop B. Wood	Treasurer
Francis C. Reagan	Moderator
William O. Lamson	Clerk
Arthur Goodwin	Truant Officer
Mrs. Meredith Christie	Enumerator
Oscar Burns, M.D.	Medical Inspector
Mrs. Gloria Maguire, R.N.	School Nurse
Albert Lamson	Auditor
Ferdinand Stucklen	Auditor

School Calendar for 1953-54

Begin	Close
Wed., September 9, 1953	Fri., December 18, 1953
Mon., January 4, 1954	Fri., February 19, 1954
Mon., March 1, 1954	Fri., April 23, 1954
Mon., May 3, 1954	Approx. – June 18, 1954

October 15-16 – Teachers' Convention
November 26-27 – Thanksgiving
May 31 – Memorial Day

Suggested School Calendar for 1954-55

Begin	Close
Wed., September 8, 1954	Fri., December 17, 1954
Mon., January 3, 1955	Fri., February 18, 1955
Mon., February 28, 1955	Fri., April 22, 1955
Mon., May 3, 1955	Approx. – June 17, 1955

October 14-15 – Teachers' Convention
November 26-27 – Thanksgiving
May 30 – Memorial Day

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Mont Vernon, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 9th day of March 1954, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot a Moderator for the coming year, a Clerk for the ensuing year, a member of the School Board for three years, a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

2. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

5. (By petition) To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools under "the plan of employing a third teacher in the Village School starting with the School Year in September, 1954", for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town (See Budget B — Art. 1-19, 25 and 26.)

6. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town (See Budget A — Article 1-19, 25 and 26 of budget).

7. To see if the district will vote to set aside a sum not to exceed $1,000 in the Capital Reserve for the purpose of making alterations and purchase of equipment for the future third classroom.

8. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for insurance on school property (See No. 20 of Budget).

9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for special repairs and alterations of school buildings and grounds, for new equipment, new construction, and furnishings and replacements . (See Nos. 22 and 23 of Budget A or Budget B.)

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Mont Vernon this 13th day of February 1954.

HELEN P. WITTY,
W. B .BUCKLEY,
LEONARD S. MORRISON,
School Board.

BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR — 1954-1955

A. Organization Including Two Teachers

	Working Budget 1953-54		Proposed Budget 1954-55	
Administration:				
1. Salaries of district officers	$ 142.00		$ 142.00**	
2. Superintendent's salary (local share)	162.00		178.60**	
3. Tax for state wide supervision	170.00		194.00**	
4. Salaries of other adm. personnel	186.25		198.00**	
5. Supplies and adm. expenses	155.75		160.92**	
		$ 816.00		$ 873.52
Instruction:				
6. Teachers' salaries	$ 4,650.00		$ 5,350.00	
7. Books and instructional aids	150.00		180.00	
8. Scholars' supplies	200.00		240.00	
10. Other instructional expenses	50.00		50.00	
		$ 5,050.00		$ 5,820.00
Operation of School Plant:				
11. Salary of janitor	$ 300.00		$ 300.00	
12. Fuel or heat	600.00		$ 700.00	
13. Water, light, janitor's expenses	250.00		$ 250.00	
		$ 1,150.00		$ 1,250.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
14. Repairs and replacements	$ 200.00		$ 250.00	
		$ 200.00		$ 250.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
15. Health supervision	$ 117.00		$ 117.00	
16. Transportation	3,800.00		3,800.00	
17. Tuition	8,500.00		8,500.00	
18. Special activities	50.00		50.00	
		$12,467.00		$12,467.00

Fixed Charges:				
19. Retirement	$ 297.35		$ 326.68**	
		$ 297.35		$ 326.68
Total Current Expenses		$19,980.35		$20,987.20
20. Insurance	$ 145.00		$ 145.00	
		$ 145.00		$ 145.00
Capital Outlay:				
22. Additions and improvements to bldgs.	$ 00.00		$ 500.00	
23. New equipment	100.00		100.00	
		$ 100.00		$ 600.00
Debt and Interest:				
25. Principal of debt	$ 700.00		$ 700.00	
26. Interest on debt	55.85		43.42	
		$ 755.85		$ 743.42
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget		$20,981.20		$22,475.62
ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:				
Balance	$ 479.79		$ 49.75	
State Aid	328.56		2,051.15	
Daland Trust Fund	50.00		50.00	
		$ 858.35		$ 2,150.90
Assessment, March 1953		20,172.60		
Assessment, March 1954				$20,324.72
Total		$21,030.95		$22,475.62

**Statutory Requirements.

HELEN P. WITTY,
WILLIAM B. BUCKLEY,
LEONARD S. MORRISON,
School Board of Mont Vernon.

BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR — 1954-1955

B. Organization Including Three Teachers (By Petition of George Kittredge and others)

	Working Budget 1953-54		Proposed Budget 1954-55	
Administration:				
1. Salaries of district officers	$ 142.00		$ 142.00**	
2. Superintendent's salary (local share)	162.00		178.60**	
3. Tax for state wide supervision	170.00		194.00**	
4. Salaries of other adm. personnel	186.25		198.00**	
5. Supplies and adm. expenses	155.75		160.92**	
		$ 816.00		$ 873.52
Instruction:				
6. Teachers' salaries	$ 4,650.00		$ 8,250.00	
7. Books and instructional aids	150.00		180.00	
8. Scholars' supplies	200.00		240.00	
10. Other instructional expenses	50.00		50.00	
		$ 5,050.00		$ 8,720.00
Operation of School Plant:				
11. Salary of janitor	$ 300.00		$ 360.00	
12. Fuel or heat	600.00		800.00	
13. Water, light, janitor's expenses	250.00		300.00	
		$ 1,150.00		$ 1,460.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
14. Repairs and replacements	$ 200.00		$ 250.00	
		$ 200.00		$ 250.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
15. Health supervision	$ 117.00		$ 117.00	
16. Transportation	3,800.00		3,800.00	
17. Tuition	8,500.00		8,500.00	
18. Special activities	50.00		50.00	
		$12,467.00		$12,467.00

Fixed Charges:				
19. Retirement	$ 297.35		$ 512.68**	
		$ 297.35		$ 512.68
Total Current Expenses		$19,980.35		$24,283.20
20. Insurance	$ 145.00		$ 145.00	
		$ 145.00		$ 145.00
Capital Outlay:				
22. Additions and improvements to bldgs.	$ 00.00		$ 1,500.00	
23. New equipment	100.00		275.00	
		$ 100.00		$ 1,775.00
Debt and Interest:				
25. Principal of debt	$ 700.00		$ 700.00	
26. Interest on debt	55.85		43.42	
		$ 755.85		$ 743.42
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget		$20,981.20		$26,946.62
ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:				
Balance	$ 479.79		$ 49.75	
State Aid	328.56		2,051.15	
Daland Trust Fund	50.00		50.00	
		$ 858.35		$ 2,150.90
Assessment, March 1953		20,172.60		
Assessment, March 1954				24,795.72
Total		$21,030.95		$26,946.62

**Statutory Requirements.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MONT VERNON SCHOOL BOARD

(For Fiscal Year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	$19,201 74
TOTAL PAYMENTS	18,721 95
Cash Balance, June 30, 1953	$ 479 79

RECEIPTS

Local Taxation:		
Current Appropriation		$18,611 70
Other Sources:		
State Aid	$176 42	
Other Receipts	70 42	
		246 84
Total Receipts from all sources		$18,858 54
Cash on hand July 1, 1952		343 20
GRAND TOTAL		$19,201 74

PAYMENTS

Administration:

1. Salaries of District Officers:

William B. Buckley, school board and supervisor	$29 00	
Ross Watts, school board and supervisor	10 00	
Helen P. Witty, school board and supervisor	32 00	
Winthrop B. Wood, treasurer	20 00	
William O. Lamson, clerk	10 00	
Ferdinand Stucklen, auditor	5 00	
Albert B. Lamson, auditor	5 00	
Geneva Morris, ballot clerk	3 00	
Guild Smith, ballot clerk	3 00	
Priscilla Tower, ballot clerk	3 00	
Vernon Wilkins, ballot clerk	3 00	
		$123 00

2. Superintendent's Salary (local share): (a.)

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40		168 00

3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, $2 per capita		134 00

4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40	$84 00	
Rita Howard, census enumerator	5 00	
Arthur Goodwin, truant officer	5 00	
	———	94 00

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40, office expenses	$42 00	
Postage, advertisement, etc.	42 87	
	———	84 87

Instruction:

6. Teachers' Salaries:

Marguerite O'Neil	$2199 98	
Elizabeth Scully	2199 94	
Elsie F. Wheeler	99 93	
Violet Consigli	27 00	
Phyllis Courage	18 00	
	———	*4,544 85

*This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross	$ 67 20
Income Tax	748 20
Retirement	349 20
Insurance	69 84

7. Books and Other Instructional Aids:	123 12
8. Scholars' Supplies (consumed as used)	244 75

10. Other Expenses of Instruction:

(Repairs and replacements of maps, reference books, flags, etc.)	9 62

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

11. Janitors' Salaries:

Joseph Duval	$ 75 00	
Alan Hazen	225 00	
	———	300 00

12. Fuel or Heat:	446 55
13. Water, Light and Janitors' Supplies:	253 95

14. Repairs and Replacements:

Thomas C. Davis	$38 76	
E. P. Hallet Co.	42 30	
Samuel Karnis	48 50	
	———	129 56

Auxiliary Activities:

15. Health Supervision:

Oscar Burns, M.D.	$25 00	
Souhegan Nursing Association	77 00	
Supplies	3 05	
	———	105 05

16. Transportation:

Robert C. Mason	3,700 00

17. Tuition:

Milford School District:		
High School	$4,291 40	
Elementary	2,145 70	
New London School District	250 00	
City of Manchester	275 00	
	———	6,962 10

Fixed Charges:

19. Retirement:

N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	$266 85	
Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40, Superintendent's Retirement	8 74	
	———	275 59

20. Insurance:

Treasurer bond	$5 00	
Insurance	112 00	
	———	117 00

Capital Outlay:

23. New Equipment:

A. H. Rice Co., Inc.	$ 35 00	
Paris Manufacturing Co.	102 48	
	———	137 48

Debt Service:

25. Payment of Principal of Debt:	700 00
26. Payment of Interest on Debt:	68 46
TOTAL PAYMENTS	$18,721 95

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

HELEN WITTY
LEONARD S. MORRISON,
WILLIAM BUCKLEY,
School Board.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

(a.) Superintendent's Salary, 1952-53

State's Share	$2,275 00	
Local Shares:		
Amherst	608 00	
Brookline	214 40	
Hollis	537 60	
Milford	1,705 60	
Mont Vernon	134 40	
Total	———	$5,475 00

REPORT OF TREASURER
(For the Fiscal Year, July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953)

WINTHROP B. WOOD, Treasurer,

In account with the School District of Mont Vernon

Dr.

Balance as per last report		$ 343 20
Board of Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation		18,611 70
Other Sources:		
Received from State Treasurer	$176 42	
Other Income	70 42	
	———	246 84
		$19,201 74

Cr.

Payments on order of School Board	$18,721 95
Cash on hand June 30, 1953	479 79
	$19,201 74

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mont Vernon, New Hampshire, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.

FERDINAND M. STUCKLEN,
ALBERT B. LAMSON,
Auditors.

RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE, 1953

Expenditures

Current Expenditures	$20,030 10	
Debt and Interest	755 85	
Special Appropriations		
Insurance	145 00	
New Equipment	100 00	
Total Appropriation	———	$21,030 95

Receipts

Balance, June 30, 1953 (Est.)	$ 479 79*	
State Aid (Est.)	328 56	
Federal Aid (Est.)	50 00	
Assessment Required to Meet School District Appropriation	20,172 60*	
Total Appropriation	———	$21,030 95

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Mont Vernon school district held March 11, 1953.

WILLIAM O. LAMSON,
Clerk of the School Board.

(* as revised by the State Tax Commission July 22, 1953)

ADMINISTRATION

I herewith present my fifteenth report under three headings. Statistics elsewhere comprise our report.

A. Instruction

Almost at the last moment, Mrs. O'Neil found it necessary to leave the position she had held so long and faithfully. She was released with regret and, after some search, Mrs. Margaret Clark made application for the position and was elected. Mrs. Scully continues in the Primary Room.

The recent Testing Program and Workshop met with spendid response from your teachers. I am very proud to commend them and to bespeak the results as an aid and guide to improve teaching.

B. Finance

Per pupil costs of last year's work are not available yet but predictions are that they will show an increase due to added expenses. Reference to last year's reports will give you an idea what this may mean.

The new formula for state aid resulted in an increased share for Mont Vernon but the total amount is still too small to be an important factor in budget requirements.

The expected enrollment of pupils for grades 1-6 for the next few years is:

1955 - 66	1958 - 85
1956 - 74	1959 - 88
1957 - 81	1960 - 91

My recommendation is to prepare for the increase by setting aside a sum each year to buy extra equipment and rehabilitate the third classroom for an expanded enrollment. This is the reason for an article under the Capital Reserve Act. In all probability, you will wish to begin operations on this basis in 1956.

C. Needs

I mention what I have before — the floors are still

unfinished and the extension of Art to your curriculum.

What kind of schooling do we want for our children? Of course, I want my boy to learn the 3 R's – they are the tools for making a living for himself and family. I want my girl to know music, art, literature as well as the 3 R's, Cooking and Sewing, too. I want them to learn to think and make decisions, to work and play with others, to do his share in government. These are the 3 R's plus 3 more. Altogether they are the 6 R's – Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic, Rights, Responsibilities, (Human) Relations. These 6 R's make for good citizenship. That kind of schooling must have good teachers and, of course, we must pay the price.

My gratitude for a good year's work goes to the Teachers, the Board and other close associates. I am very appreciative of the continued interest of a large segment of your citizens in the work and problems of the schools.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1952-53

Number of different pupils registered during year:	
Boys 35; Girl 26. Total	61
Enrollment by grades:	
I-14; II-12; III-11; IV-8; V-7; VI-9	61
Average membership in school	54.1
Per cent of attendance	91.2
Number not absent or tardy during year	0
Number of sessions	350
Number of School Board meetings	7
Number of visits made by Superintendent	25
Number of visits made by School Board Members	0
Number of visits made by citizens	21

THE HELPING TEACHER SPEAKS!

The work of the "Helping Teacher" is exactly what the name implies. The basic task of such a person is to help children, and this is done mainly by helping the children's teachers. During the first three months that this position has existed, the program of the Helping Teacher has evolved. It has been based upon the needs of the teachers as determined by a total of 289 classroom visits and many conferences with teachers, parents, and others concerned with the education of children. This program may be stated briefly as follows:

Scheduling, Curriculum Planning and Coordination

Beginning teachers, especially, seem to find it difficult to determine how to fit the day's program into the time allowed. There is often the problem of how much time should be given each subject or activity or for each group within the class. Help is sometimes needed in planning the curriculum and having it coordinated from grade to grade and at each grade level.

Teaching Techniques

Teachers coming back into the profession after having been out of it for several years have asked most often for help in teaching methods. Even experienced teachers are always searching for better methods and professional improvement. Those desiring it have had opportunities to observe demonstration lessons and outstanding work done by other teachers.

Testing Programs

Testing programs are an important phase of education as an aid to understanding each child's progress, needs, and abilities. Help is available to the teacher in giving, interpreting, and making use of tests.

Pupil Guidance

Pupil guidance is as necessary to the pupil in the elementary school as it is during any other stage of his educational development. His individual needs are considered and opportunities are given him to progress at his own rate through grouping within the class, and by enabling him to have socially and emotionally satisfying experiences. Whenever a pupil is found to have some particular problem which prevents his adjustment to the school situation an attempt is made to determine the causes and eliminate the problem. To do this, it is often necessary to have conferences with the teacher, parents, school nurse, and other sources of help, and then to plan a special program for this child.

Resource Person

Many teaching and professional materials have been made available, and also suggestions and arrangements made for the use of other resource persons. There have been illustrated talks to classes on various subjects coming within the social studies field and based upon travels to North Africa, Europe, Labrador, Bermuda and South America. Typical topics have been "Ancient Civilization," "Homes in Other Lands," etc.

Public Relations

Everyone concerned with the education of children should know the aims of the school and how the school is meeting these aims. A closer relationship between the home and the school works directly to the advantage of the child.

I should like to express my appreciation to Mr. Bowley and the members of the school boards of Union No. 40 for the confidence placed in me in the assignment of this position and the freedom allowed me in the development of its program according to the needs of the teachers and children in the Union. I wish also

to thank the parents, principals, and teachers throughout the Union for the splendid cooperation they have shown me. Without such cooperation the role of Helping Teacher would be impossible.

Respectfully,

MABEL I. CONNOLLY,
Helping Teacher.

TUITION PUPILS — 1952-53

Grade XII: David Clark.

Grade XI: Alwyn Carleton, Marcia Clark, Gordon Johnston, Janice Long, Priscilla Miller, Seth Pomeroy, Barbara Raymond, Norman Stroncer, Denice Thompson, Charles Trow, Joan Weatherley.

Grade X: Beverly Clayton, Carole Thompson, Norman Watts.

Grade IX: Beverly Archibald, Peter Archibald, Bruce Miller, Fletcher Parker, Dale Riley, Clifford Stroncer, Donald Watts, Susan Weatherley.

Grade VIII: Thomas Karnis, James Mason, Dennis Salisbury, Barbara Swanick, Bruce Tower, Mary Trow.

Grade VII: Willard Archibald, Walter Johnston, Patricia Kiesling, Audrey Kittredge, Lester Maloon.

ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 15, 1954

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Grade I	12						12
Grade II		10					10
Grade III			10				10
Grade IV				10			10
Grade V					6		6
Grade VI						9	9
Total	12	10	10	10	6	9	57
Boys	7	4	5	6	2	7	31
Girls	5	6	5	4	4	2	26

TEACHERS AND GRADES TAUGHT (1953-54)

	Experience Here	Total Experience
Mrs. Margaret B. Clark — Grades 4-5	1	5
Mrs. Elizabeth Scully — Grades 1-3	6	28
Miss Elsie F. Wheeler — Music	20	22

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS
September, 1953
Meredith Christie, Enumerator

Age as of Sept. 1, 1953	Total	Boys	Girls	Number Attending Public School
Under 1	6	1	5	
2	12	4	8	
3	11	6	5	
4	16	5	11	
5	13	11	2	7
6	10	3	7	10
7	15	5	10	15
8	8	6	2	8
9	7	4	3	7
10	7	3	4	7
11	8	4	4	8
12	3	2	1	3
13	8	5	3	8
14	4	2	2	4
15	7	5	2	7
16	4	1	3	4
17	12	9	3	7
Total	160	82	78	95

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1952-53

Oscar Burns, M.D., School Physician
(Mrs.) Gloria Maguire, R.N., School Nurse
Total number of children examined 57
The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatments
Defective Speech	1	
Defective Teeth	7	6
Defective Tonsils & Adenoids	6	3
Orthopedic Defect	3	2
Nervous System Defect	1	1
Conjunctivitis	10	

Parents were informed in all of the above cases.

Diseases Reported:

Chicken Pox	20

Marriages Registered in Town of Mont Vernon, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Marriage	*Name and Surname of Bride and Groom*	*Age*	*Residence at Time of Marriage*
Mar. 21, Mont Vernon	Sidney Francis McLaughlin	39	Worcester, Mass.
	Clara Irene Woodbury	32	Worcester, Mass.
Apr. 4, Mont Vernon	John Francis May	59	Fitchburg, Mass.
	Capitola Roberts Willard	65	Fitchburg, Mass.
Apr. 24, Mont Vernon	Robert Maynard Witt	33	Belchertown, Mass.
	Josephine Edith Homans Carpenter	32	Ware, Mass.
May 17, Mont Vernon	Frederick David Bardwell	24	Mont Vernon, N. H.
	Margaret Elizabeth Rogers	20	Lawrence, Mass.
June 20, So. Lyndeboro	Herman Orin Salisbury	33	Mont Vernon, N. H.
	Jessie Flora Warner	18	South Lyndeboro, N. H.
Dec. 5, Exeter	David Ernest Tuttle	26	Exeter, N. H.
	Lois Elaine Haselwood	18	Mont Vernon, N. H.

Births Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Birth	*Name of Child*	*Name of Father*	*Name of Mother*
Jan. 2, Nashua	Peggy	Walter F. Hartleb	Helen Tyler Hartleb
Mar. 7, Manchester	Ellen Louise	McKinley Hatfield	Ruth Anne Hatfield
Mar. 16, Manchester	Anne Elizabeth	Walter G. Smith	Dorothy Caverly Smith
May 2, Nashua	Pamela Sue	Roland G. Smith	Virginia Hartleb Smith
June 22, Nashua	Janet Louise	Robert C. Robinson	Ina May Robinson
July 4, Manchester	Alan Robert	Louis L. Guertin	Marcella Cloutier Guertin
Sept. 18, Peterboro	Bruce Michael	Donald C. Cheever	Marcia Jane Cheever
Nov. 1, Nashua	Carlton David	Ernest F. Perkins	Myrta Leach Perkins
Nov. 9, Nashua	Dennis Wayne	Richard A. Trow	Evelyn E. Kesti Trow

Deaths Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Death	*Name and Surname of Deceased*	*Age*	*Name of Father*	*Name of Mother*
Feb. 10, Nashua	Clair Roy Long	11	Edward A. Long	Dorothy Tower
Feb. 26, Amherst	Michael Guertin	8	Louis L. Guertin	Marcella C. Cloutier
Mar. 13, Mont Vernon	Forris Wood Norris, Jr.	44	Forris W. Norris	Bessie Griffin
July 4, Nashua	Margaret Mary Willard	34	Arthur G. Reid	Ellen M. Fitzgerald
July 12, Mont Vernon	May Agnes Falby	79	John G. Ratcliffe	Emily Ruth Knapp
Aug. 6, Mont Vernon	David Michael Drobnis	1	Robert S. Drobnis	Ann M. Walsh
Aug. 24, Milford	George A. Blood	81	Alonzo Blood	Clara Pearson

Brought Here for Burial in Greenlawn Cemetery

Feb. 24, Everett, Mass.	Hulda J. Anderson	67	Lars Anderson	Justina
Feb. 24, Newton, Mass.	James Gaius Richardson	84	Joseph Richardson	Martha Oulten
Mar. 8, Ft. Thomas, Ky.	Roger Lewis Conant	81	Walter Scott Conant	Mary Lewis

I certify that the foregoing records are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE D. KITTREDGE,
Town Clerk.